

Date: April 7, 2015

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Subject: 2015 Police Specialized Programs/Units Special Revenue Fund

Executive Summary

The Durham Police Department through authorization of the City Manager has developed a General Order to address fundraising and receipt of donations to support the operation of seven of the departments Specialized Programs. Funding received through donations or fundraising will be established as a Special Revenue Fund for financial support of these Specialized Programs, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Recommendation

To adopt the “2015 Police Specialized Programs/Units” Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance, in the amount of \$30,000.

Background

The City of Durham Police Department has several different specialized units and programs that assist in carrying our mission to minimize crime, promote safety, and enhance the quality of life in partnership with our community. Seven of those specialized units and programs are as follows:

1. Mental Health Outreach Program (MHOP): This program is under the Department’s Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and it serves as a co-responder model between law enforcement and mental health. The purpose of MHOP is to provide intensive follow-up to service call involving persons with mental illness to divert them into community based treatment.
2. Victim Assistance: Victim Services Unit provides confidential services to victims and witnesses of violent crimes on a 24-hour basis. In addition to making referrals to other agencies in the service area, victim services advocates provide general assistance with criminal justice system procedures; give current information on case status; serve as advocates; and render other individual services as needed to augment those services already provided by other agencies.
3. Police Explorers Program: Law Enforcement Exploring is a work-site based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 to 20 years of age. Explorers provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.
4. K-9 Unit: The Durham Police Department has eight police canine positions assigned to

the Uniform Patrol Bureau and one police canine assigned to the Special Operations Division. The police canines work with his or her own handler who is an experienced Durham police officer. The canines are trained at tracking suspects, locating missing persons, searching buildings, finding articles such as guns, and sniffing out narcotics. The dogs and their handlers also often give public demonstrations. In addition to their regular duties, police canines and their handlers must spend much time training to keep proficient with their skills.

5. Motor Unit: Traffic Services officers operate unmarked patrol vehicles and concentrate their enforcement efforts on speeding drivers and on persons driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs (DWI). Traffic Services officers are specially trained in the use of speed measurement control devices (radar) and in the investigation of serious personal injury or fatality motor vehicle accidents. Some Traffic Services officers ride motorcycles and are additionally responsible for providing funeral escorts within the city when available.
6. Honor Guard: The Durham Police Department's Honor Guard is a highly-trained ceremonial unit that provides honors to the families of deceased employees, including active and retired reserve officers and non-sworn members of the Police Department, upon the request of the family. The Honor Guard provides ceremonial services at police conferences, memorial services, parades, and other special events.
7. Citizen Police Academy: The Citizen Observer Patrol (COP) program is a volunteer group sponsored by the Durham Police Department that uses a simple approach to safeguarding neighborhoods through residents' involvement.

The City of Durham through the Police Department Specialized programs will use this funding to expand and build upon these current Specialized Programs and Units. The department recognizes these Specialized Programs as a form of community policing, which is the overall concept adhered to by the Durham Police Department and supports the program to build community relations.

Issues/Analysis

The main issue is whether to accept donated special revenue funding to support the seven recommended specialized programs/units. By authorizing Administration to use available funding from this Special Revenue Fund up through a maximum spending cap of \$30,000.00 would allow for expansion and development of these specialized programs/units.

Alternatives

The alternative would be to deny this motion and continue these specialized program/units as they are currently, without expanding to serve the Durham community more effectively.

Financial Impact

The City's resources will not be impacted because the funding will come from fundraising and donations to the City's Police Department's Specialized Programs/Units. The budget for this funding is as follows:

Budget Item	Amount
2015 Police Specialized Programs/Units Special Revenue	<u>\$30,000</u>

Total Project

\$30,000

SDBE Summary

This item does not require review by the office of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance.